Energy Efficiency in Residence Halls at Michigan State University Rebuild Michigan Research Project

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Project Focus

 To improve energy efficiency in the MSU residence halls system by employing a facility management approach which considers:

Technology
Policy and Administration
User Behaviors

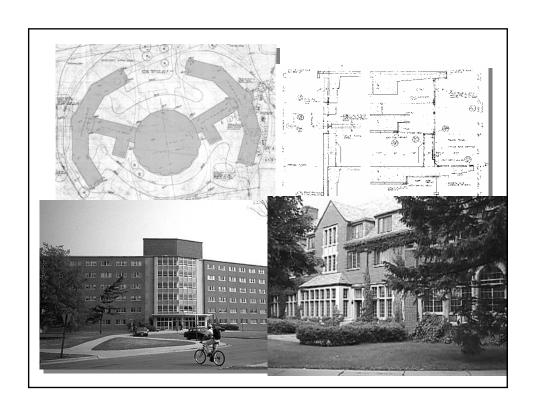
Scope of the problem

- MSU University Housing operates the largest residence hall system in the country with a capacity of 19,000 students
- 16 undergraduate halls systems and one graduate hall, (in addition, University Housing operates 3 married housing apartment villages)



Scope of the problem

- Most residence hall buildings on campus are vintage buildings at least 40 years old
- Only some have undergone energy upgrades
- Annual energy consumption for residence hall system exceeds \$ 5 million



Project Team

- Faculty and students from Construction Management Program
- Faculty and students from School of Planning, Design and Construction
- Staff from Residence Hall System
- University Staff



Project Oversight

- Energy Subcommittee of the University Committee for a Sustainable Campus (UCSC)
- Groups represented
 - Residence Hall Systems
 - Power plant/ Physical Plant
 - Engineering Services
 - UCSC
 - Purchasing
 - Faculty
 - Students

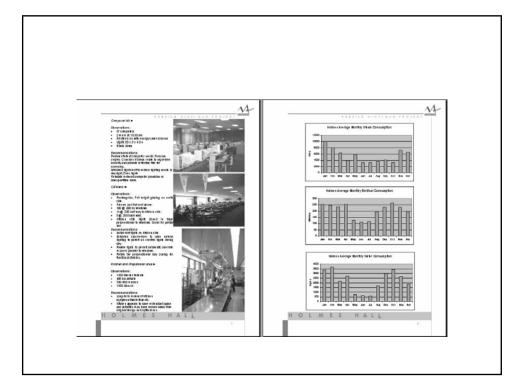
Project Sponsorship

Study funded by

- Michigan Energy Office Rebuild Michigan Program via US DOE Rebuild America Program
- MSU
- Ongoing Project Since Fall of 2002
- Followed studies conducted of the MSU Natural Resources Building and the Chemistry Building by the research team

Overview of study activities Data collection study phase

- Conducted Introductory Energy Audits of 10 buildings (3 million sf)
- Conducted walk thru audits of ten buildings
- Examined metering data for steam, electricity, and water
- Documented existing conditions
- Conducted detailed energy audit of Wonders Hall



Overview of study activities Data collection study phase

- Interviewed staff and administrators
- Determined organizational and management structure
- · Determined management practices
- Determined opportunities for physical improvements, policy changes, educational opportunities and student behavior changes

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- Surveyed student users
- Conducted dorm room studies
- Determined and documented student attitudes, energy use practices, ownership and use of electrical appliances and devices

Increasing Energy Efficiency in University Housing Wonders Hall Student Room Energy Study

Appliance Checklist

Appliance Inventory		Estimated Hours per/day	per/week	Watt/Amps	Source
1.1	Desktop computer	———	penweek		
2.	Computer monitor				
3.	Ink jet Printer or copier				_
4.	Laser Printer or copier	_			
5.	Scanner or fax				
6.	External drives, or other peripherals				
7.	Laptop computer battery charger				
8.	Cell phone charger				
9.	Battery charger				
10.	Television				
11.	CD player or tape player				
12.	Desk light or reading light				
13.	Refrigerator				
14.	Hot plate, grill, toaster				
15.	Microwave				
16.	Fan				

Undergrad Survey

- Appliance Inventory
- (Percentage of respondents Using Appliances more than 4 hours)
- Desktop Computer and Monitor 89%
- Inkjet printers 31%
- Laptop Computer Battery Charger 64%
- Cell phone charger 68%
- Fan 48%
- Refrigerator (24 hours) 95%

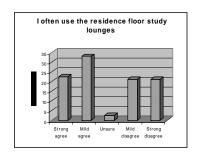
Integrated user and technical studies

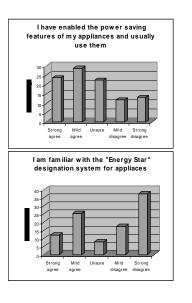
Use of student appliances accounted for approximately 1/3 of overall energy consumption in Wonders Hall

Building lighting 1/3

Building Services 1/3

Undergrad Survey Sample





Recommendation Phase

- Developed recommendations for technical upgrades both low cost and capital improvement projects
- Policy and Administration
- Staff Training
- Changing User Behaviors
- Educational Programs



Student study lounges/Bike rooms – Install timers or motion sensors



LED lit exit signs





Energy monitoring room- Cafeteria and Kitchen fan run time scheduling



Computer Labs - Downsize or eliminate with respect to usage



Student corridors -Change light fixtures to T8



Maintenance rooms and workshops -Change to Compact Fluorescents Install timers or motion sensors



Cafeteria – Change light fixtures to T8, Zone control for lights (make better use of natural lighting)



Entrance doorways - Weather stripping upgrades



Bathrooms - Change to automatic or low volume flush type plumbing fixtures



Vendors – Check with vendors for energy saving models for soda machines, washers and driers (Energy Star)

Implementation Activities Policy and Administration

- Gained very good acceptance of ideas from University Housing with strong support from staff and administration
- Accomplished "corporate commitment"
- University Housing became very active partner

Implementation Activities

- During the project period approximately 80 renovation projects were undertaken within the residence hall systems which upgraded energy performance
- Approximately 50 new projects are planned for the next 2-3 years
- Projects involve lighting upgrades, low volume plumbing fixtures, HVAC repairs, electrical system upgrades, roof insulation upgrades

Implementation Activities Educational

 Developed and presented staff and building manager training focused on:

Building management approaches

Low cost technology improvements from O & M budgets

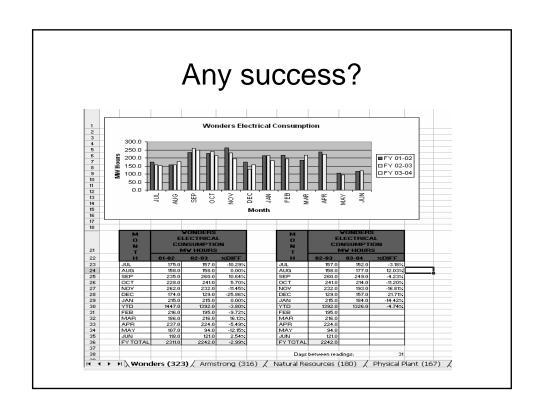
Implementation Activities Educational

- Developed and presented "Energy Star Dorm Room" Demonstration at Parent/student summer orientation programs
- 10,000 visitors attended
- Information on www.ecofoot.msu.edu



Current Project Activities

- This year focus is on documenting Savings
- Encouraging continuing investment
- · Continuing with staff training
- Continuing energy awareness activities



Other MSU Related Activities

- Office of Campus Sustainability www.ecofoot.msu.edu
- Recent \$4 Million lighting upgrade of all classroom lighting
- LEED Studies

